

Remarks

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended claims 1-25. Applicants have amended claims 1-25, which are attached to the International Preliminary Report On Patentability, to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown in the figures or described in the specification. Additionally, Applicants have amended the claims to bring them more in line with standard U.S. format.

Applicants also submit herewith on a separate sheet an abstract of the disclosure.

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Abstract of the Disclosure

A preform, a head part for a preform and a method for manufacturing a fiber. The head part is adapted to be attached to a preform of a fiber. The head part has such a shape that a heat load directed to the preform will be distributed to the cross section of the bulk part in a predetermined manner, like evenly distributing the heat load to the cross section of the preform. When manufacturing a fiber from a preform including such a head part the heating of the preform is more controllable thus resulting in a fiber with a better quality.